



**The City of Hoboken
Community Development Block Grant**

Annual Action for Program Year 2016

CITY COUNCIL ADOPTED MAY 4, 2016

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Executive Summary

AP-05 Executive Summary - 91.200(c), 91.220(b)

1. Introduction

The City of Hoboken has prepared the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan, which covers the second year goals described in the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan identifies the activities to be funded with CDBG funds to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Program Year 2016. The City will also re-program \$42,000 in Public Administration funding and \$15,900 in Public Facilities funding, for a total of \$57,900, into its 2016 funding allocation. The FY 2016 Annual Action Plan will serve the following functions for the City:

- An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs; and
- An action plan that provides a basis for assessing the City's performance of HUD's goals.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The National goals for the housing and community development programs covered by the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are:

- To provide decent housing;
- To establish and maintain a suitable living environment; and
- To expand economic development opportunities primarily for persons of low-to-moderate income.

The City anticipates that 100% of its Program Year 2016 CDBG funds will be expended for activities that benefit low to moderate-income persons. For Program Year 2016, the City anticipates receiving from HUD \$1,096,150 of CDBG funds. The City will also reprogram \$42,000 in Public Administration funding and \$15,900 in Public Facilities, for a total of \$57,900, into its 2016 funding allocation.

The City will fund activities in furtherance of the objectives and priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan's Five-year Strategic Plan covering 2015-2019.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Performance of completed and ongoing community development projects and public service activities are currently monitored in various ways depending on the type of program and reporting requirements. The City conducted in-person monitoring visits with a select group of sub recipients receiving Program Year 2015 funds during the month of March 2016. The activity of monitoring sub recipients helps promote quality performance, as well as identifying any need for further technical assistance. The following are types of monitoring are performed by staff throughout Program Year 2015:

- Performance Monitoring;
- Public Service program income-benefit monitoring;
- Financial monitoring;
- Davis-Bacon Compliance; and
- Environmental Review Compliance.

The City will report progress on meeting its five-year and annual goals through the Consolidated Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). As a first year Entitlement Community, Hoboken's first CAPER will be prepared subsequent to the submission of the 2016 Annual Action Plan to HUD.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City followed procedures from its Citizen Participation Plan in preparing the Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan, advertising the amount of annual financial assistance expected to be received from HUD and the range of activities to be undertaken by the City with allocated funds.

The City announced the availability of 2016 CDBG applications via a February 19, 2016 press release and social media (Facebook) updates. The announcement was also posted on the City's website on the day of the press release. The notice contained instructions on requesting an application, which were due on April 1, 2016. The Jersey Journal published the announcement on March 9, 2016. A total of 237 individuals responded to the survey as of its closing date of April 1, 2016.

The City conducted a CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Meeting on March 3, 2016. A public notice for this meeting was published in the Jersey Journal on February 6, 2016. An online survey was made available through the City's website on February 1, 2016 through April 1, 2016. City staff presented an overview of the CDBG program before an approximately one-hour public hearing. Current survey results, as of March 3, were made available during the presentation. The DRAFT Annual Action Plan, dated April 7, 2016, was made public through the City's website¹ and also advertised through public notice in the April 10, Hudson Reporter. A hard copy was made available for review at the City of Hoboken Public Library, the City Clerk's Office, and in the

¹ <http://www.hobokennj.org/departments/community-development/community-development-block-grant-program/>

Department of Community Development in Hoboken City Hall. A second public hearing took place at the May 4, 2016 Hoboken City Council meeting, where the DRAFT plan was approved through a unanimous City Council vote. A public notice advertising the availability of the DRAFT Annual Action Plan was published in the April 10, 2016 Hoboken Reporter and the April 14, 2016 Jersey Journal.

The City published public notices through the April 10, 2016 Hoboken Reporter and the April 14, 2016 Jersey Journal for both the Termination of a Sub Recipient Contract in Program Year 2015 and the Reprogramming of CDBG Funds from the 2015 Program Year. All public notices direct public questions and comment to Christopher Brown, Principal Planner through phone and email. All public notices related to the reprogramming of 2015 Program Year funds are attached to this Annual Action Plan.

All materials were available in a form accessible to persons with disabilities and in a style for individuals that do not speak English, when requested.

5. Summary of public comments

The City held an Annual Action Plan Public Meeting on March 3, 2016. City staff made a presentation of the CDBG program and its National Objectives, current and previous funding levels, current projects and goals. Attendees included representatives from the Hoboken Shelter, Hoboken Housing Authority, Urban Renewal Corporation, Hudson County Cancer Coalition, Hoboken Family Planning, Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County, Jersey City's Division of Community Development, HOPES Community Action Partnership, MBS Urban Renewal, Hoboken Public Library, Saint Matthews Trinity Church, True Mentors, The Sharing Place, and Yolan Society Church. Representatives from The Jubilee Center and Mile Square Early Learning Center submitted comments regarding their programs via email.

Comments are summarized as follows: 13 persons spoke in support of funding homeless services and facilities; 2 persons spoke in support of funding improvements (quality of life and infrastructure) to the Hoboken Housing Authority; 2 persons spoke in support of funding health care services; 1 person spoke in support of funding youth services; 1 person spoke in support of child care services. A summary of public comments is attached to the Annual Action Plan.

The City held a second public hearing at the May 4, 2016 Council Meeting. Attendees included representatives from the Hoboken Shelter and True Mentors. In summary, 7 persons spoke in support of homeless services and 1 person spoke in support of youth and mentorship services. A summary of public comments is attached to the Annual Action Plan.

6. Summary of comments or views not accepted and the reasons for not accepting them

No comments were rejected.

7. Summary

The City followed procedures from its Citizen Participation Plan in preparing the Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan, advertising the amount of annual financial assistance expected to be received from HUD, and the range of activities to be undertaken by the City with resulting funds.

The City of Hoboken announced on February 1, 2016, through the City's website and Facebook, a CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Meeting, held on March 3, 2016. An online survey was made available at this time to gather public feedback on certain types of public services and public facilities within the City.

A public notice regarding the City's Annual Action Plan meeting was published in the Jersey Journal on February 6, 2016. Physical copies of this public notice were also posted at the City's Multi-Service Center, the Hoboken Public Library and the Hoboken Housing Authority. On February 16, 2016, HUD notified the City of Hoboken of its FY 2016 CDBG allocation, in the amount of \$1,096,150. The City announced the amount and availability of these funds via a February 19, 2016 press release and social media. Instructions on requesting an application were included with all public notifications. The Jersey Journal published the announcement on March 9, 2016.

All notices of public meetings and available funds were forwarded by City Staff to current CDBG sub recipients. The Annual Action Plan Survey was closed on April 1, 2016 at 4:00PM. A total of 237 individuals responded to the survey.

A 30-day public comment period for the DRAFT Annual Action Plan was published by the Hoboken Reporter from April 10, 2016 to May 10, 2016 and the Jersey Journal from April 14, 2016 to May 14, 2016.

A second public hearing was held at the May 4, 2016 City Council Meeting to approve the 2016 CDBG Annual Action Plan. The notice for this meeting was published by the Jersey Journal on April 21, 2016 and by the Hoboken Reporter on April 24, 2016. The City will announce its 2016 Program Year sub recipients in the month of May 2016.

The City published public notices through the April 10, 2016 Hoboken Reporter and the April 14, 2016 Jersey Journal for both the Termination of a Sub Recipient Contract in Program Year 2015 and the Reprogramming of CDBG Funds from the 2015 Program Year. All public notices direct public questions and comment to Christopher Brown, Principal Planner through phone and email. All public notices related to the reprogramming of 2015 Program Year funds are attached to this Annual Action Plan.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HOBOKEN	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Hoboken is responsible for preparing the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans. All CDBG funds are administered by the City of Hoboken.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

The City of Hoboken encouraged a high level of public communication and agency consultation in an effort to demonstrate its commitment to identifying priority needs and engaging the participation of citizens, public agencies, and non-profit organizations in a positive and collaborative manner. The City reached out for input, through an online survey and public hearings, from public and private agencies that provide services to the City's most vulnerable populations such as elderly, youth, public housing residents, persons with disabilities, and the homeless. The five-year goals identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan are the basis for the goals and funding priorities in the 2016 Annual Action Plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l)).

The City of Hoboken is part of the Hudson County HOME Consortium, and will continue to support the nexus between affordable housing and supportive services where possible.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The City of Hoboken 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan references the 2015-2019 Hudson County Consolidated Plan as listing the following regional facilities for emergency shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing:

Emergency Shelter for Adult Individuals

- Catholic Community Services Archdiocese, St. Lucy's Shelter
- Communities of Faith for Housing Inc., Hoboken Shelter
- Hudson County Division of Welfare Hotels/Motel Placement
- Palisades Emergency Residence Corp., PERC Shelter & Drop in Center

Emergency Shelter for Homeless Families

- Hope House
- PERC Family Shelter
- Hudson County Division of Motel Placements
- North Hudson Community Action Corporation/Motel Placements
- St. Joseph's Home

Transitional Housing for Homeless Families

- Women Rising Project Home

Transitional Housing for Adult Individuals

- Catholic Community Services Archdiocese Franciska Residence
- EMET Realty Transitional Housing- Hudson County
- The House of Faith Inc.

Permanent Supportive Housing for Mixed Populations

- Garden State Episcopal CDC All Saints
- JC Housing Authority Hoboken Shelter Plus Care
- Garden State Episcopal CDC Finally Home
- United Way of Hudson County Live United
- JC Housing Authority Live United
- United Way of Hudson County Collaborative Solutions
- Catholic Charities St. Jude's Oasis
- United Way of Hudson County Life Starts
- JC Housing Authority YCS Housing for Youth
- JC Housing Authority Home at Last
- Women Rising Village of Families

The City of Hoboken is committed to supporting the Hudson County's Continuum of Care program; financially assisting, to the extent possible, those organizations that serve homeless populations in Hoboken and throughout Hudson County.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

This section is not applicable, as the City does not receive ESG funds. City of Hoboken staff has served on both Hudson County's and Jersey City's ESG application review committees.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultation

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOBOKEN SHELTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the City's March 3, 2016 Annual Action Plan Public Meeting and the May 4, 2016 Public Hearing. The Shelter was also given access to the online survey.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOBOKEN HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the City's Annual Action Plan Public Meeting on March 3, 2016 and were given access to the online survey. Received notification of the DRAFT plan comment period and the May 4, 2016 Public Hearing.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	HOBOKEN FAMILY PLANNING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the City's Annual Action Plan Public Meeting on March 3, 2016 and were given access to the online survey. Received notification of the DRAFT plan comment period and the May 4, 2016 Public Hearing.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	HOPES CAP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Participated in the City's Annual Action Plan Public Meeting on March 3, 2016 and were given access to the online survey. Received notification of the DRAFT plan comment period and the May 4, 2016 Public Hearing.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City of Hoboken conducted extensive outreach to include as many agencies as possible and did not actively exclude any organizations from the process.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Hudson County Department of Housing and Community Development	The City of Hoboken, in partnership with the Hudson County Division of Health and Human Services with the Continuum of Care framework, strives to provide the necessary services for this community. A wide-array of private not-for-profit organizations like Catholic Charities and the United Way also provides a strong framework. The City will continue to meet with the Hudson County Continuum of Care to discuss mutual needs, resources, and services in order to better maximize and coordinate the provision of each other agencies, programs and services to the low and very low-income families, seniors, and disabled persons in Hoboken.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Throughout the development of the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans, citizen input is sought and encouraged. City of Hoboken staff developed a citizen participation plan at the start of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan process to guide yearly program discourse.

The City of Hoboken will host two public hearings every year as part of the Annual Action Plan process. Typically, these hearings may consist of either:

1. A meeting to gather public input and funding for current program year;
2. A meeting to open a DRAFT Five-Year Plan and One-Year Plan to the general public; and/or
3. A city council meeting, where legislation regarding the annual action plan is read and/or considered for approval.

Also, each year, a public hearing will be held once the draft plan is complete, to solicit comments on the strategies and proposed use of funds. Public hearings will be conveniently timed and located for people who will benefit from the program funds, and will be accessible to persons with special needs.

Generally, the City of Hoboken provides residents many opportunities to provide input to the decision making process. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in City Council meetings, neighborhood rehabilitation/redevelopment meetings, park design surveys, numerous boards (Historic Preservation, Shade Tree Commission, etc.) and public hearings designed to solicit public comments. These avenues of engagement allow City officials to sense the needs and views of city residents and factor them into decision-making actions. Recognizing and communicating the needs and interests of all participants promotes a sustainable decision making process.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	23 People signed into the meeting.	<p>March 3, 2016 Public Meeting Notes are attached.</p> <p>Comments are summarized as follows: 13 persons spoke in support of funding homeless services and facilities; 2 persons spoke in support of funding improvements (quality of life and infrastructure) to the Hoboken Housing Authority; 2 persons spoke in support of funding health care services; 1 person spoke in support of funding youth services; 1 person spoke in support of child care services. A summary of public comments is attached to the Annual Action Plan.</p>	The City conducted extensive outreach to include as many agencies as possible and did not actively exclude any organizations from the process.
Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	8 People spoke during the public hearing.	<p>May 4, 2016 Public Hearing Notes are attached.</p> <p>In summary, 7 persons spoke in support of homeless services and 1 person spoke in support of youth and mentorship services.</p>	The City conducted extensive outreach to include as many agencies as possible and did not actively exclude any organizations from the process.

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	237 Unduplicated Responses	<p>The CDBG Public Survey was posted on the City website on February 1, 2016 and was closed to new responses at 4:00PM on Friday, April 1, 2016. The survey asked how important certain types of Public Services and Public Facilities, respectively, are within the City of Hoboken. Respondents were able to select a range between “None”, “A Little”, “Some”, and “A Lot”.</p> <p>The top three supported categories, as indicated by residents choosing they would support a service or facility “A Lot”, are as follows:</p> <p><u>Public Services</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homeless Outreach and Shelter Services: 186 (78.48%) 2. Health Services: 142 (59.92%) 3. Youth Services: 134 (56.54%) <p><u>Public Facilities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homeless Facilities: 189 (79.75%) 2. Youth Centers: 128 (54.01%) 3. Health Facilities: 123 (51.90%) <p>A summary of public comments is attached to the Annual Action Plan.</p>	The City conducted extensive outreach to include as many agencies as possible and did not actively exclude any organizations from the process.

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>A public notice regarding the City's Annual Action Plan meeting was published in the Jersey Journal on February 6, 2016. A 30-day public comment period for the DRAFT Annual Action Plan was published by The Hoboken Reporter from April 10, 2016 to May 10, 2016.</p>	No comments received.	The City conducted extensive outreach to include as many agencies as possible and did not actively exclude any organizations from the process.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources – 91.420(b), 91.220(c) (1, 2)

Introduction

The City of Hoboken has prepared the 2016 Annual Action Plan, which covers the goals described in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan identifies the activities to be funded with CDBG funds to be received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in 2016.

The FY 2016 Annual Action Plan will serve the following functions for the City:

- An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs, and
- An action plan that provides a basis for assessing the City's performance of HUD's CDBG primary objective of creating viable communities.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,096,150	0	1,086,876	2,183,026	3,346,350	<p>Expected amount available assumes a similar annual allocation over each of the remaining 3 years.</p> <p>An additional \$57,900 will be reprogrammed from Program Year 2015 to Program Year 2016. This reprogramming is the result of both a subrecipient agreement being terminated for program non-compliance and unexpended Program Administration funds. All reprogrammed funding will be allocated to Public Facility projects.</p>

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The City of Hoboken does not anticipate any additional outside funds at this time to support CDBG funded projects and activities in the short term.

If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

Not applicable. The City currently does not have any surplus publicly owned land to satisfy the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

Discussion

If and when appropriate State or Federal resources are available to match existing HUD CDBG programs and activities in the short term, such efforts will be made to optimize local benefit.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Consolidated Plan Goal Name	Consolidated Plan Start Year	Consolidated Plan End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	PY 2016 Funding	PY 2015 Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map	Public Services	CDBG: \$164,422.50	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 50 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 50 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 50 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Consolidated Plan Goal Name	Consolidated Plan Start Year	Consolidated Plan End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	PY 2016 Funding	PY 2015 Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map	Public Facility Improvements	CDBG: \$841,726.50	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 182 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 165 Households Assisted
3	Program Planning and Administration	2015	2019	Administration	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map	Program Administration	CDBG: \$75,000	Administration and Planning – Outcome Indicators are not applicable.

Table 6 - Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	The City of Hoboken is facilitating a competitive process to select Public Service projects. Applications were due to the City on April 1, 2016. An Ad-Hoc City Council Subcommittee will select applicants based on an application scoring matrix and community need to recommend award of funding.
2	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The City of Hoboken is facilitating a competitive process to select Public Facility projects. Applications were due to the City on April 1, 2016. An Ad-Hoc City Council Subcommittee will select applicants based on an application scoring matrix and community need to recommend award of funding.
3	Goal Name	Program Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	Program Planning and Administration funding will support community development staff and other in-house operational salary.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Hoboken is facilitating a competitive process to select Public Facility projects. Applications were due to the City on April 1, 2016 at 4:00PM. An Ad-Hoc City Council Subcommittee will select applicants based on an application scoring matrix and community need to recommend award of funding. Funding priorities could include:

1. Facility improvements to the Hoboken Housing Authority, providing better access to public housing residents; and
2. Public Service funding for programs such as Child Care and Youth Services.

#	Project Name
1	All Saints Community Service & Development Corporation – The Jubilee Center
2	Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County – Triple Play Healthy Habits
3	Garden State Episcopal – Homeless Street Outreach Team
4	Hoboken Day Care 100 – On-Going Child Care Services
5	Hoboken Family Planning – Family Planning Services for Residents of Hoboken
6	HobArt – Bringing Art to the Homeless and Veterans
7	Hoboken Community Center – MBS Housing Urban Renewal, LLC
8	Hoboken Housing Authority – Elevator Modernization at Various HHA Sites
9	Hoboken Shelter – Rent and Utilities
10	HOPES Community Action Partnership – Early Childhood Program
11	Hudson Pride Connections Center - YouthConnect
12	Planning and Administration
13	The Waterfront Project – Housing Counseling and Legal Advocacy Program
14	TRUE Mentors – Clubs and Mentorship Program
15	Urban Renewal Corporation – Warming and Cooling Center HVAC

Table 8 – Project Information

Describe the reasons for allocation priorities and any obstacles to addressing underserved needs

Funding allocations are reviewed and recommended by the City Council Ad-Hoc CDBG Subcommittee, based on an application scoring matrix and community need. Obstacles to addressing City-wide service needs are primarily due to 15% Public Service

funding cap.

Given the limited nature of resources, the City prioritizes the needs identified through the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan process to direct the allocation of funds in a manner that maximizes community impact. The 2016 Annual Plan sets forth a description of activities for the use of funds that will become available during the coming Federal fiscal year, determines goals for individuals and households to be served, and describes the implementation plan and geographic location of the activities to be undertaken.

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Project Summary Information

The projects below were selected for funding in Program Year 2016.

1	Project Name	All Saints Community Service & Development Corporation – The Jubilee Center
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	\$25,000
	Description	The Jubilee Center serves low-income African American and Latino young people living in Hoboken's public housing neighborhood.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	The Jubilee Center provides three core areas of service for low-income young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Support Services • Health, Wellness and Fitness Activities • Arts and Positive Recreational Services
2	Project Name	Boys and Girls Clubs of Hudson County: Triple Play Healthy Habits
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	\$5,000
	Description	The Boys and Girls Club of Hudson County provides hot meals through the Community Food Bank of New Jersey each day throughout the school year as part of the Triple Play Healthy Habits program. The Triple Play program is designed to promote health and wellness for Boys and Girls Club members ages 6 through 12. It is a multi-faceted program designed to help young people become healthy, active and learn new ways to handle stress, maintain a healthy body and form positive relationships.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	By providing nutritious meals as part of the Boys and Girls Club program, the sub recipient is filling a needed gap in the lives of youth as well as teaching them healthy lifestyle for their future.
3	Project Name	Garden State Episcopal – Homeless Street Outreach Team
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	\$20,000
	Description	The Outreach Team has been developed to address the previously unmet needs of the service resistant unsheltered homeless population in Hudson County, specifically those staying in bus, PATH and transit stations in Jersey City and Hoboken, as these sites have been observed to have the greatest numbers of unsheltered homeless individuals.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	350
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	CDBG funding supports the activities of the Hudson County Homeless Street Outreach Team for unsheltered home-less consumers, which provide linkage to emergency shelter, medical services, mainstream resources and housing stabilization services. The outreach team has the capacity to engage and offer services to these consumers at various locations throughout Hudson County including areas of Hoboken. The team utilizes skilled engagement techniques with the initial goal of encouraging the consumers to accept emergency shelter and services for their most urgent needs, and then eventually linking them with comprehensive case management services, in order to develop a plan for housing stabilization and wellness.
4	Project Name	Hoboken Day Care 100 – On-Going Child Care Services
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	\$15,000
	Description	Hoboken Day Care 100 is a non-profit organization providing child care services to low and moderate income families in Hoboken.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide

	Planned Activities	The Subrecipient will provide child care at very low rates to families that are not eligible for subsidized child care however cannot afford to pay child care rates in Hoboken.
5	Project Name	Hoboken Family Planning – Family Planning Services for Residents of Hoboken
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	\$10,000
	Description	Funding will provide low and moderate income city residents with reproductive health exams, STD screening and treatment, and other health issues that may require a referral to another health care facility.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	112
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	The services that this program provides to city residents include reproductive health exams, sexually transmitted disease screening and treatment and other health issues that may require a referral to another health care facility that are discovered during our examination of the patient. Education and counseling services are also provided to the patient on an individual basis.
6	Project Name	HobArt – Bringing Art to the Homeless and Veterans
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	\$9,000
	Description	Funding will renovate a teaching space where art workshops would be taught and conducted for homeless individuals and veterans (and homeless veterans). The gallery will be used as exhibition space to mount a show of the homeless veterans' finished art pieces - the entire community will be invited to come and view the work at an opening reception.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide

	Planned Activities	<p>First task is to hire a contractor to renovate the gallery to accommodate classes. Hob'Art will then hire a consultant and meet with Combat Paper NJ to learn their techniques and engage one of their members to help set up the program in Hoboken. HobArt will then select and train teaching artists in the techniques of Combat Paper NJ and discuss exhibition plans with the Hoboken Library and the Historical Museum (which creates its schedules well in advance). In this initial month of preparation, the organization will complete renovations of the gallery space where classes will be held.</p> <p>The next stage in this project is meeting with the veterans identified by the Hoboken Shelter and the American Legion Post 107 and discuss the program with them. Weekly classes will be offered at HobArt cooperative gallery to the homeless and veterans. HobArt will keep a ledger with names, dates and times of attendance, in order to tally results at the six-month reporting period. Once clientele is identified and the program is operating in the space, HobArt will conduct interviews with the veterans individually to obtain their assessment of the program. The evaluation consists of self-reports by participants to open-ended questions: (i) whether expectations were met, (ii) likes and dislikes, (iii) suggested changes for the workshop, (iv) perceived personal changes, and (v) interest in continued participation.</p> <p>Final stage: Preparation of work for exhibition (selection, framing, etc.) at the Library, Historical Museum, and HobArt cooperative gallery in the Monroe Center for the Arts.</p>
7	Project Name	Hoboken Community Center – MBS Housing Urban Renewal, LLC
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	\$17,500
	Description	The Hoboken Community Center currently provides 96 units of single residency occupancy rooms for men.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	96
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This program is the only single resident occupancy program in Hoboken. It services low to moderate income men with less than \$27,000 per year in annual income.
8	Project Name	Hoboken Housing Authority – Elevator Modernization at Various HHA Sites
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$740,627.50
	Description	Funding will completely modernize an elevator system in one high-rise, public housing development and modernize elevator door entry systems in four 7 story buildings. The overall performance goal is to significantly increase living standards of the residents that live in those identified buildings.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	818
	Location Description	Elevator door modernization: 300, 310, 320 and 400 Marshall Drive Elevator System Modernization: 311 Harrison Street

	Planned Activities	Funding will completely modernize an elevator system in one high-rise, public housing development and modernize elevator door entry systems in four 7 story buildings. The overall performance goal is to significantly increase living standards of the residents that live in those identified buildings.
9	Project Name	Hoboken Shelter – Rent and Utilities
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	\$45,000
	Description	The Hoboken Shelter is the only homeless shelter in Hoboken, and the only facility open seven days a week to serve meals and offer support services to the homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	Funding will allow the Shelter to continue to provide food, shelter, and access to services for the Hoboken homeless population and low and moderate income individuals. The Shelter provides intensive case management services, a permanent supportive housing program, independent living skills training, information and referral, peer support, and advocacy.
10	Project Name	HOPES Community Action Partnership – Early Childhood Program
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	HOPES Early Head Start and Head Start Program offers low-income families in the Hoboken community an opportunity for quality childcare and comprehensive services that are designed to meet the needs of children, parents, and program staff.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	158
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	The subrecipient will work towards achieving goals for children that would help improve their school success beyond the years the child is enrolled with HOPES in its Birth to Five Program in Hoboken. The grant will support efforts to assist children participating in the program in meeting school readiness goals as defined by the US Department of Health and Human Services' Head Start Performance Standards and Early Childhood Development Standards.
11	Project Name	Hudson Pride Connections Center - YouthConnect
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,500
	Description	YouthConnect (YC) offers Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) youth a safe-space where they can socialize with LGBTQ peers and receive skills-building group activities aimed at reducing harmful behaviors that often lead to HIV/STD infection, substance abuse, school drop-out, intimate partner violence, homelessness and other negative consequences.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	<p>YouthConnect's main goal on behalf of Hoboken youth will be to enhance their access to the following on-going YC services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ-safe space for peer socializing • Structured group skills-building activities • Adult mentoring • Care linkages to local LGBTQ-sensitive health, academic and social services • Semi-monthly substance-free social outings
12	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN Low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Program Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Resource development and management for Consolidated Plan strategies; Part 58 environmental review process; overall city management of Consolidated Plan; Overall administration of Public Services and Facilities; Financial Department administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an administrative activity.
	Location Description	This is an administrative activity.

	Planned Activities	Resource development and management for Consolidated Plan strategies; Part 58 environmental review process; overall city management of Consolidated Plan; Overall administration of Public Services and Facilities; Financial Department administration.
13	Project Name	The Waterfront Project – Housing Counseling and Legal Advocacy Program
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN Low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,422.50
	Description	The Waterfront Project is a nonprofit legal center that provides free legal services to the poor and homeless in Hudson County. In conjunction with the Hudson County Housing Resource Center ("HRCRC"), TWP provides certified housing counseling.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	180
	Location Description	404 Hudson Street, Hoboken, NJ 07030
	Planned Activities	The Housing Counseling and Legal Advocacy Program will service low-income tenants of Hoboken facing eviction, harassment, and other unfair and illegal treatment by landlords. The Program will provide low-income tenants with free certified housing counseling on their rights and responsibilities under New Jersey law, and with legal services, including advice, advocacy, and representation.
14	Project Name	TRUE Mentors – Clubs and Mentorship Program
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN Low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services

	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	True Mentors aims to give economically disadvantaged youth in Hoboken a nurturing relationship with a caring adult in order to help them find their passions and become contributing members of society.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	35
	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City Wide
	Planned Activities	CDBG funding will ensure that the Program Director will continue to focus on increasing the amount of youth served and expand clubs to be specific to the different age groups, as well as incorporating targeted life skills and character curriculum into the program.
15	Project Name	Urban Renewal Corporation – Warming and Cooling Center HVAC
	Target Area	Hoboken 2010 DTN Low Mod Income Map
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,000
	Description	Hoboken Day Care 100; HOPES CAP, Inc., Mile Square Early Learning Center
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	166

	Location Description	City of Hoboken, City-wide
	Planned Activities	CDBG funding will provide for child care services for low and moderate families within the City of Hoboken.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Only within approved DTN areas as specified on the enclosed map.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Hoboken 2010 DTN low Mod Income Map	100

Table 9 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Hoboken, in accordance with US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) rules and regulations will allocate resources either on a low-moderate income area benefit basis (LMA) which will correspond to Designated Target Neighborhoods (DTN) service areas, low-moderate income clientele (LMC) basis or on an Urgent Needs basis.

Discussion

The City of Hoboken is facilitating a competitive process to select Public Facility projects. Applications were due to the City on April 1, 2016 at 4:00PM. An Ad-Hoc City Council Subcommittee will recommend awards to applicants based on an application scoring matrix and community need. Funding priorities could include:

1. Facility improvements to the Hoboken Housing Authority, providing better access to public housing residents; and
2. Public Service funding for programs such as Child Care and Youth Services.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Hoboken will continue to collaborate and support all Hudson County affordable housing initiatives through the Hudson County HOME Consortium. HOME funds are allocated at the County level.

The City of Hoboken is considered an Urban Aid community and is exempt from certain affordable housing quotas as required in other jurisdictions.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Hudson County Division of Health has an active lead testing and lead treatment program. The City of Hoboken intends to support those efforts in ensuring that children and adults are aware of the dangers of lead poisoning.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City intends to work together with Hudson County to implement certain policies in the eradication of poverty and make services available for those in danger of becoming considered in-poverty.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

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| 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed | 0 |
| 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan. | 0 |
| 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements | 0 |
| 4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan | 0 |
| 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities | 0 |
| Total Program Income: | 0 |

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 100.00% |

Attachments

1. **CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Comments – March 3, 2016 (Page 40)**
2. **CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Survey Results (Page 45)**
3. **CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Comments – May 4, 2016 (Page 51)**

Attachment 1: CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Hearing Comments - March 3, 2016

CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING March 3, 2016, 6:30 PM

Community Development Principal Planner Chris Brown provided a PowerPoint presentation to explain the CDBG program history, rules and current levels of funding.

Aaron Lewitt – Hoboken Shelter

Shelter operates independent of Hoboken. Shelters usually are the responsibility of cities. He hopes that the City can continue to provide funding for Shelter operations and improvements. Services are enriching and help people step away from their stress. The food is good and the volunteer services are remarkable.

Yvette Miles – Hoboken Housing Authority (311 Harrison) and works with the Boys and Girls Club

HHA- Generators are still needed as a lasting impact of Sandy. The HHA is still stuck in financial need. Nothing at HHA for kids; no common space for children. HHA had to “fight for police presence” in certain areas. Lots of kids from the HHA are now going to college.

When flooding occurs sewage backs up and smells terrible. There are often pile ups of sewage. Kids do not play outside in flood prone areas anymore because of the smell.

Mama Johnson Field is not being used by HHA residents. The field is constantly being used by Zog Sports and other leagues.

Boys and Girls Club-Superstorm Sandy impacted the Boys and Girls Club by tearing up the floor. The building needs new doors and new windows. Kids need to come to the B&G Club, so a bus would be a good additional service. There are several special needs children at the B&G Club.

Tina Russo – Hoboken Housing Authority (221 Jackson – Monroe Gardens)

No programs in the building for seniors. The building is run down, no upgrades are being made. No security, doors are broken. Residents are scared to walk their hallways due to lack of security. Laundry rooms are antiquated – the machines are constantly broken. The seniors in the building are not living with dignity. The elevator was not working for over a year at one point. The door dial-in system is obsolete. There is also no recycling in the Senior Building.

Annemarie Rizzo – Hoboken Shelter

Homeless residents need dignity. There is a significant population of homeless residents in Hoboken. More funding, the better off people will be.

Toni Tamarazzo – MBS Housing Urban Renewal, LLC

The facility has 96 SRO units for men, 97% occupancy rate, 100% of population is LMI. A vast majority are on some sort of special service (SSI, Disability, etc.). Many are referrals from the Hoboken Shelter. The building has struggled with faulty contracting and needs major facility repairs. There is a need to resurface communal areas. These repairs would allow the building to have room for services that they would like to build out. They need funding for physical repairs and the services.

Angela Russo – Jersey City Division of Community Development/Hudson County Alliance to End Homelessness

Wants to continue working with the City of Hoboken to end homelessness and fill in gaps where needed.

Marissa Musachio – HOPES CAP

HOPES organizational goal is to end poverty. HOPES has variety of programs, specific to CDBG is their program serving children ages birth to 5 in their HEAD Start program. HOPES has been receiving money from the City for years and has allowed them to sponsor enrichment programs like yoga and soccer that students would otherwise not be exposed to. The goal for HOPES is to promote academic, social, mental health and spiritual wellness.

Tiffany Kane – Hoboken Shelter

Serves as a volunteer. It's an amazing moment watching someone transition from their situations. Loves being a volunteer. Urges support for the Shelter.

Tara Casazza – True Mentors

Question: How does the CDBG Program measure success? (CB: CAPER – Consolidated Action Plan Evaluation Report – measures population served. Applicants supplied original numbers and we measure the sub recipients on that number)
Internship Program and Club Mentorship program are great and hopes they will continue to be funded.

Laurie Parsons – Hoboken Shelter

Shelter is amazing because of staff. They work with people who can't be reached (because they live on the street with various ailments) and get them housed. Housing is needed for the down and out. Sickest people in our society should be helped first.

Lane Jacobs – Urban Renewal Corporation

Has worked with homeless for 25 years. Currently runs non-profit in a facility, Naval Reserve Center, in Kearny that provides overflow shelter to people throughout the County – including Hoboken Shelter. During emergencies (cold weather and snow) 30-35 people estimated come from Hoboken. They provide a shower and 2 meals per day and a warm place to sleep. They would like to fund substance abuse and Mental Health Services.

Joyce Adams – Hudson County Cancer Coalition

14-15 cases of cancer found last year in cases that would not have been found if not had access to free screening. HCCC works with under insured and non-insured. They provide cancer screening for free and also HIV screening. Would love to work with the Hoboken Shelter for further health screening.

Jim Nelson – Sharing Place – St Paul’s Lutheran (Jersey City)

Located in Jersey City, providing food for households, serving bags of food and provisions. County funding is declining, so making appeal to Hoboken for funding. Historically funded through County and Jersey City. 75% Jersey City residents/25% County (including Hoboken) residents served.

Jaclyn Cherubini- Hoboken Shelter

Thanks volunteers for their support. Running a \$150k/year deficit so not sure how they are going to make it to December. There is no more money and needs to figure out how to keep the lights on, provide warm beds and a safe place. Last year helped 130 neighbors get housing, needs money to keep services going – needs community support and City support to continue. A Shelter resident names “Louis” was mentioned as being featured in the recent newsletter. Louis was homeless for 10 years and 2015 Thanksgiving was her first holiday in her own home. The Shelter is advocating for operating funds to continue giving people like Louis these opportunities.

Richard Ward – Hoboken Family Planning

The organization has received money from the city over the past 4 years. They provide county-wide service wide. NJ CEED funding screens for cancer and seems secure now, however that can all change. As of Sept 1 they will not be able to screen for HIV; therefore that service is in jeopardy. HFP will apply for funding to supplement that program and ask for additional support in services. Will continue to provide medical support to homeless residents. Thanks City of Hoboken for their support throughout the years.

Keith Jackson – Hoboken Shelter

Housing program in Jersey City provides supportive services to residents in the Shelter. The housing program helps those residents maintain housing long-term. These are scattered sites developments throughout Jersey City.

Reverend David Stump – Hoboken Shelter

“Here-here to everything already said,” regarding the Hoboken Shelter.

Moss Allen – Hoboken Shelter

The Shelter offers “more than a bed and meals”. The Shelter provides services such as an art show with local artists in the public library. Also provides a computer workshop, which is needed to encourage employment. Computer access is needed to become employed and integrated. These types of services get residents into their own homes.

Leslie Neve – St. Matthew Trinity (8th and Hudson Street)

SMT offers lunch time ministry – which services residents with a place to stay and lunch. “The homeless in Hoboken are different because we know their names and you don’t find that in other places.”

Laura Knittel – Hoboken Library

Is there a way for these different groups and service providers to talk with one another? Would be great to have a directory or knowledge share (maybe City Hall website?) to share resources and answer questions. Library receives a lot of the homeless population. Information would be great as a tool.

Raul Garcia – Society of Youth, 1st Street Church of God

Works with Shelter, privileged to work with Shelter. Cuts hair for Shelter residents. Church runs a coat drive and a show drive for the Shelter. Shelter staff is amazing and grateful for what they receive. Employees feel kindness and love for working there. Homeless didn't choose to be there. Shelter residents and staff make him hope to be a better person, so we can't give up.

MESSAGES VIA EMAIL

From: David Shehigian [<mailto:dshehigian@jubileecenterhoboken.org>]
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2016 3:15 PM
To: Chris Brown
Subject: Re: CDBG Annual Action Plan Meeting + Survey + Application

Hi Again Chris,

We've been having some health issues with one of my daughter's (she's got pneumonia) and although we thought we was in the clear she had a bad day at school and her Mom is asking me to help now as she has to work into the evening.

I wanted to know if it would in any way reflect poorly on the Jubilee if I weren't able to make this evening's meeting. I did of course already do the online survey but i know you were counting on us to be there.

Pls. advise and my apologies for any inconvenience.

Best,

David

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From: Madelyn Bautista [<mailto:mbautista@mselc1979.org>]
Sent: Friday, March 04, 2016 1:40 PM

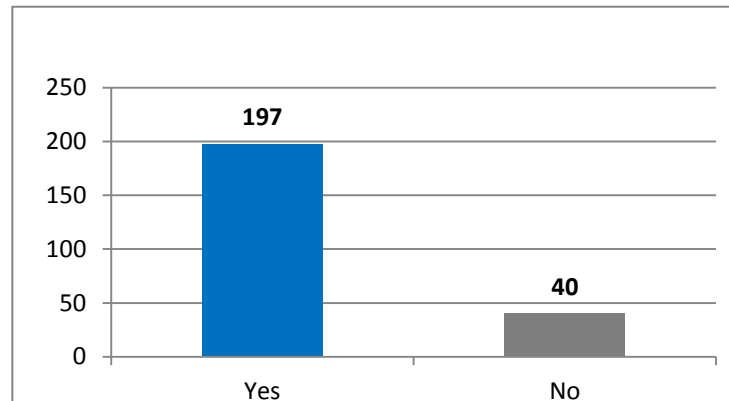
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Subject: meeting

Madelyn Bautista – Mile Square ELC (via Email)

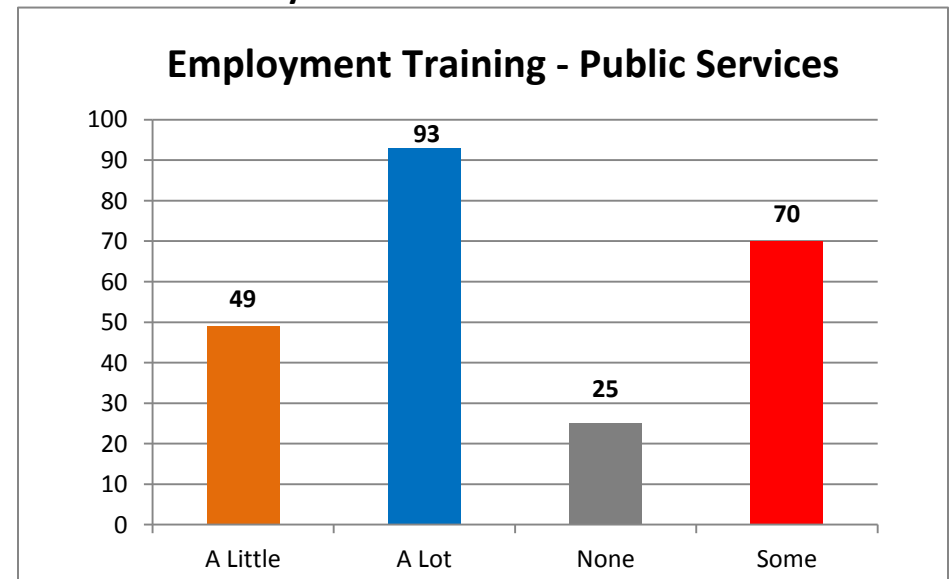
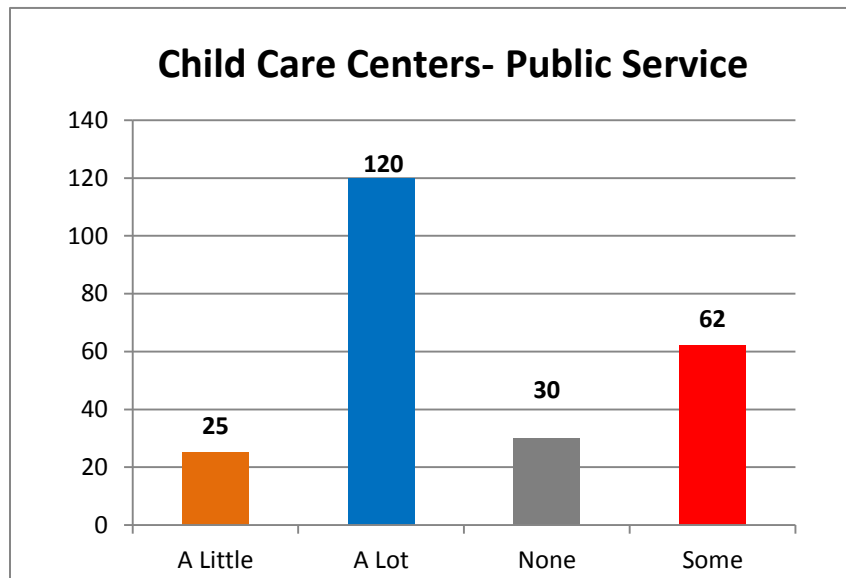
I wanted to thank you for the meeting yesterday which was held at the Multi-Service Center. I was in attendance yet realized that I forgot to sign in. =(I was seated on the side of you with Marissa Mussachio. I didn't speak out last night, but I wanted you to know that Mile Square Early Learning Center has been in existence since 1979 and during that time, the demographics of Hoboken were different and 100% of the families we assisted were low and moderate-income families. Mile Square is grateful for the CDBG funding source that has helped Mile Square Early Learning Center throughout the years in implementing a quality, educational and a healthy balanced breakfast, lunch and snack daily to our Infant/Toddlers and Preschool Program. Today, Mile Square Early Learning Center provides the same quality enriched program to 51% of low and moderate-income families. Although there are many Child Care Programs in Hoboken today, there are less than a handful of programs in Hoboken that provide Subsidized Childcare to Infant, Toddler and Preschooler that are not only affordable, but educational that meet the academic and social/emotional areas of children as well as provide nutritional meals made on a daily basis to our children. Thank You.

Attachment 2: CDBG Annual Action Plan Public Survey Results

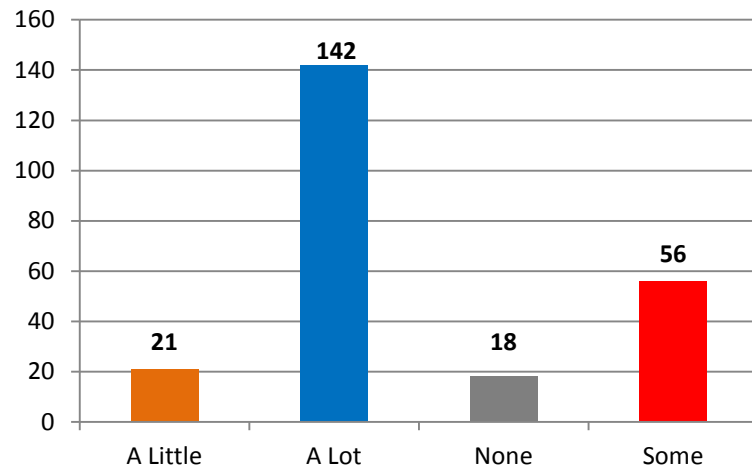
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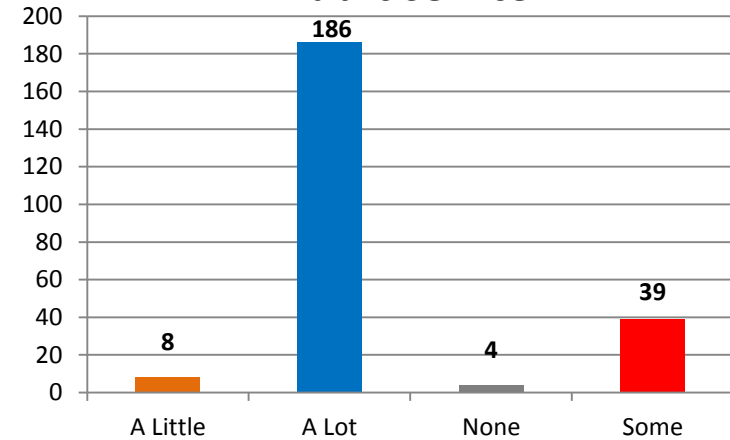
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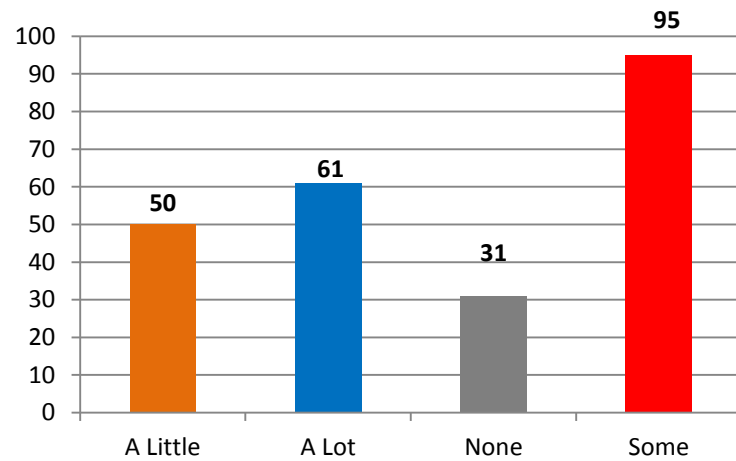
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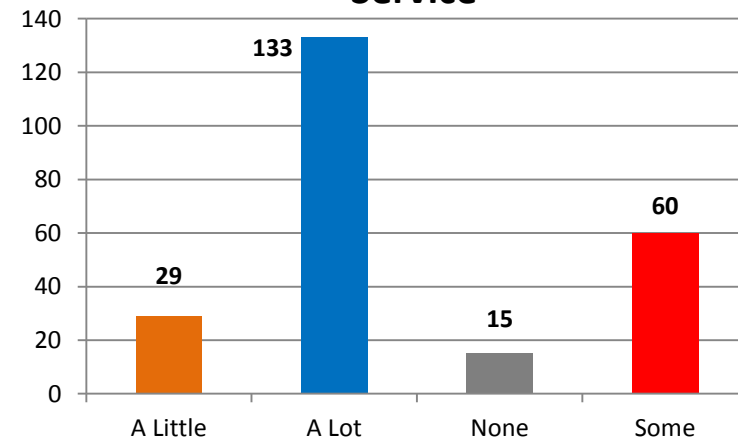
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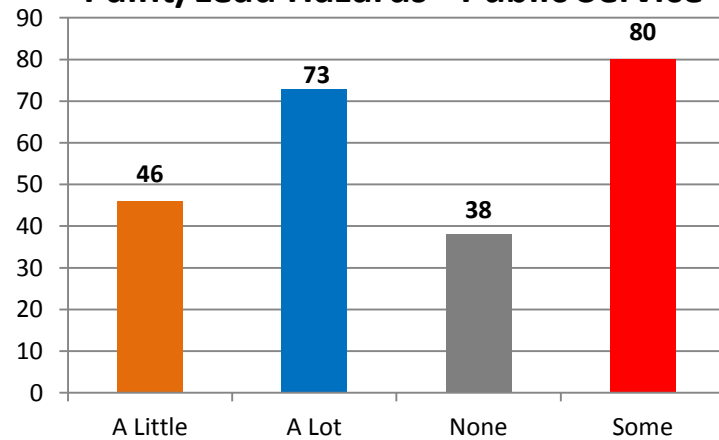
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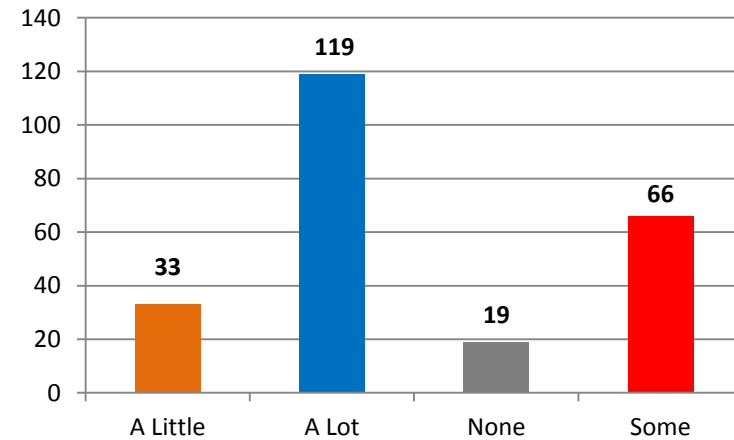
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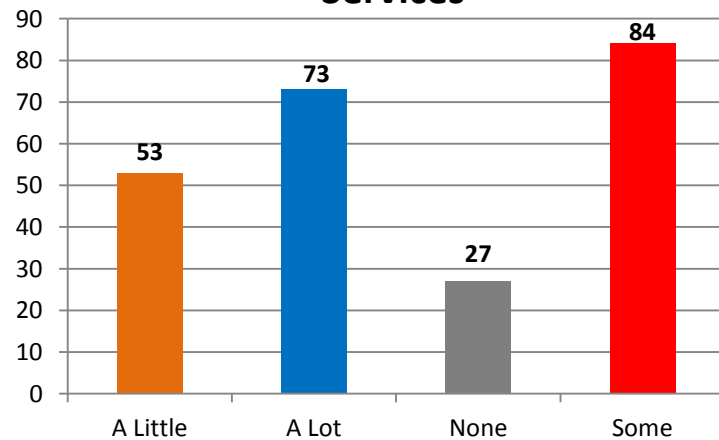
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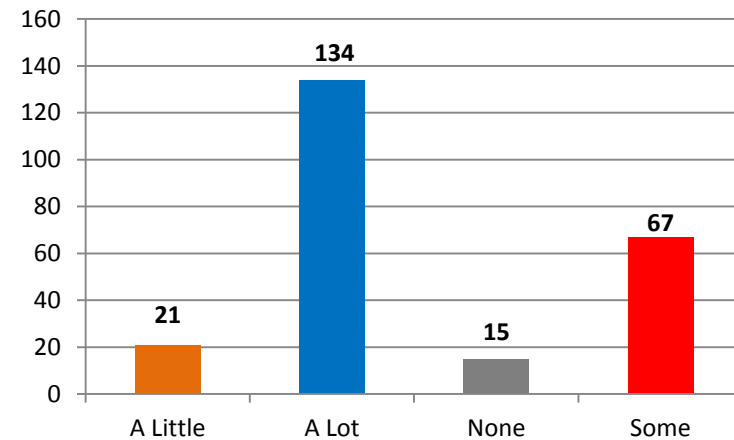
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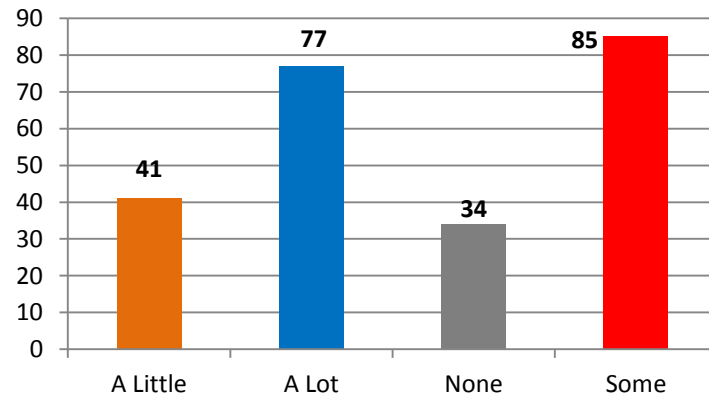


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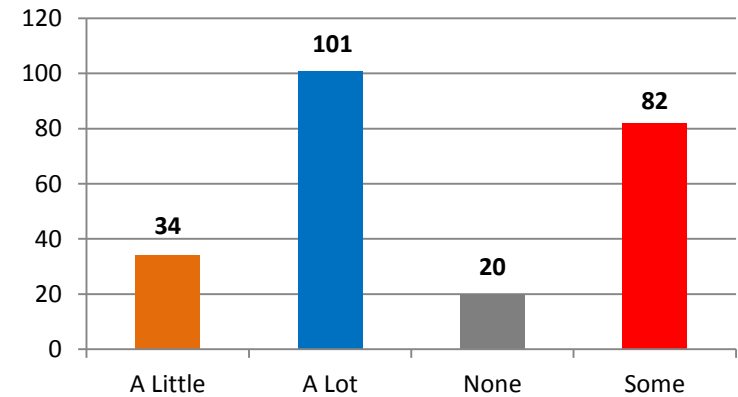


4. How important are the following types of Public Facilities within the City of Hoboken?

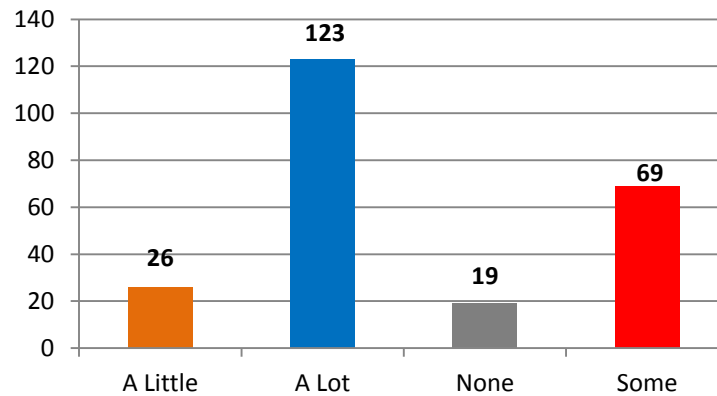
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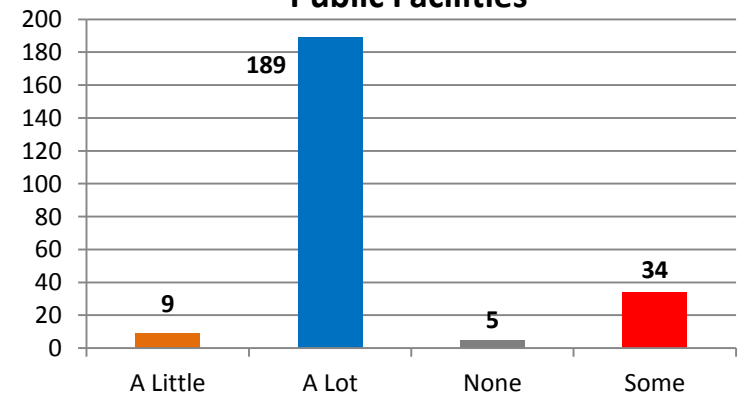
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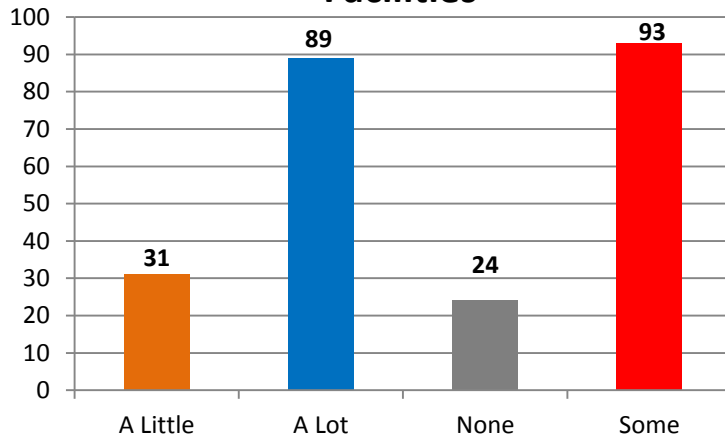
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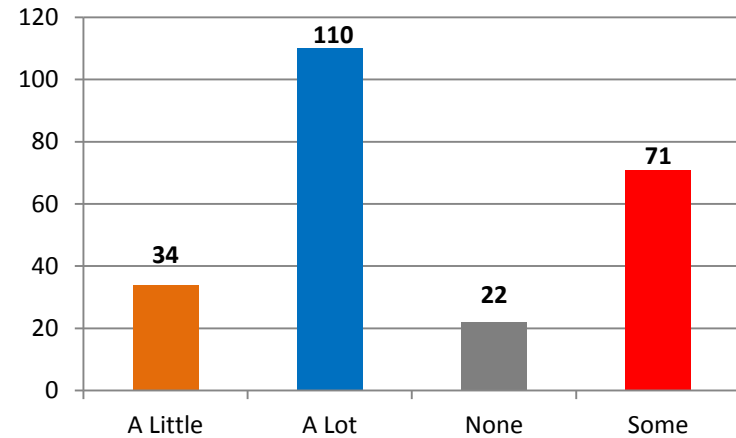
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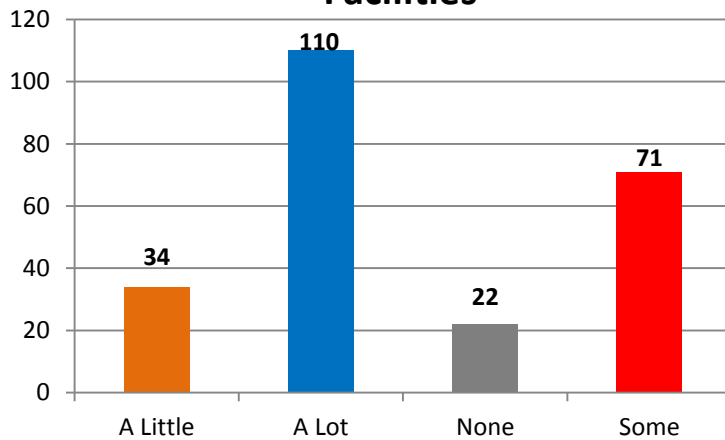
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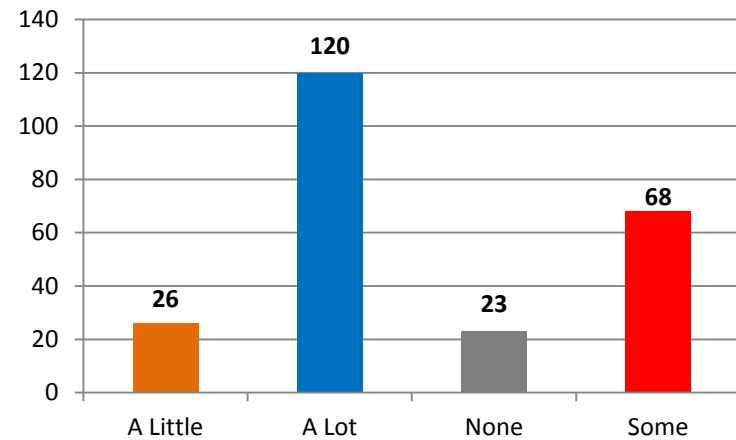
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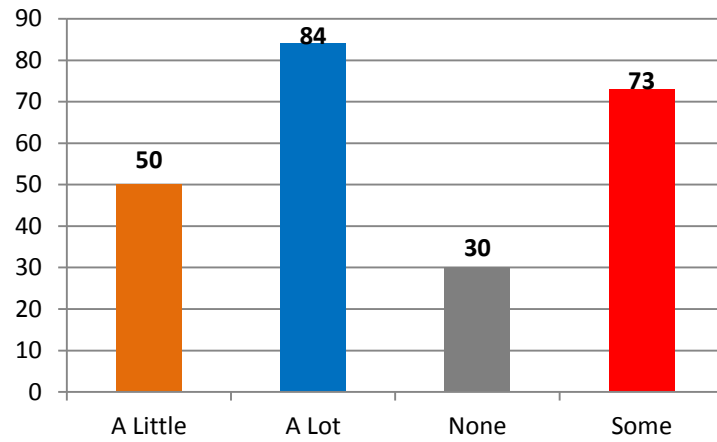
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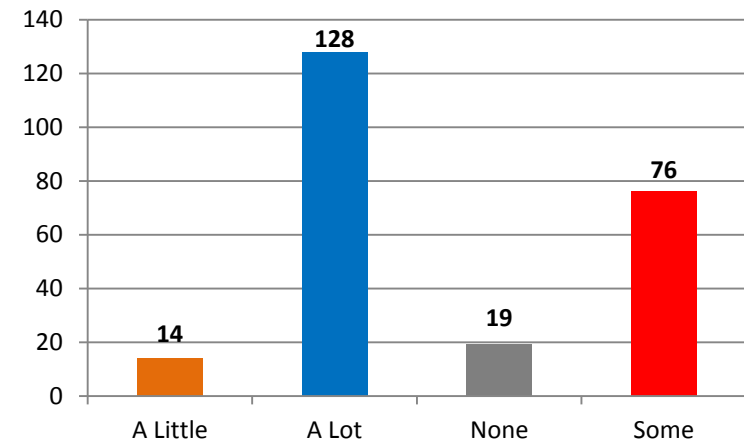
Sidewalks - Public Facilities



Tree Planting - Public Facilities



Youth Centers - Public Facilities



CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN 2nd PUBLIC HEARING
May 4, 2016, 7:00 PM

Resident Comments

Tara Casazza – True Mentors

True Mentors is a 1-on-1 mentorship program . The organization applied for CDBG grant funding. Students need access to paid jobs; many establishments do not hire people under 18 years old. Organization targets at-risk youth. 50% of Hoboken students qualify for free or reduced lunch, which is evidence of a large segment of the population who need mentorship. Mentorship improves mental health and provides other benefits.

Aaron Lewit – Hoboken Shelter

Shelter took a financial hit from Hudson County and is now facing a deficit in funding from that cut. The Shelter needs help and needs to close that funding gap.

Keith Jackson – Hoboken Shelter

The Shelter provides housing to 50 people per night. In 2015, the Shelter helped 130 people transition from the Streets to their own homes. In 2017, the Hoboken Shelter will begin supporting 6 homeless veterans that will be housed in the recently approved VFW building.

Carolyn Yuhas – Hoboken Shelter

The funding gap created by the County's budget cut must be closed. She would like to see the City help close the funding gap.

Jaclyn Cherubini – Hoboken Shelter

The Shelter needs help, funding helps keep lights on. In 2015, the Shelter assisted moving 130 homeless neighbors to permanent housing. One of those shelter guests was Lois, who moved into her own home in November 2015. Jaclyn distributed a handout to members of City Council, which included a picture of Lois and a description of their program and other success stories. Jaclyn thanked the City for assisting in 2015 with various facility needs, however now the Shelter is in a position where it needs help with services. Asking "desperately" for help to end homelessness in Hoboken.

Moss Allen – Hoboken Shelter

The Shelter does fundraising every day, and every dollar helps keep people moving from the streets to their own homes. The Shelter gives people access to things they need to move on; and helps people move on to rebuild their lives.

Karen Romans – Hoboken Shelter

Works as a professional fundraiser and also volunteers her time with the Shelter. She is impressed with the Shelter's ability to do so much with such limited resources.

Katherine Zeller – Hoboken Shelter

Volunteers with the Shelter and appreciates the City's consideration in funding the Shelter. The staff does so much with so little.

City Council Comments

Councilman Peter Cunningham

How many applications has the City received and who will be reviewing these applications?
When is the meeting?

Councilman Ravinder Bhalla

Why are we limited to 15% Public Service Cap? Is this unique to Hoboken or are other towns subject to cap? This funding cap is not acceptable, as the City is experiencing significant funding requests from non-profits.

Councilman Ruben Ramos, Jr.

The City should write a memo to New Jersey's federal senators and congressmen to request an amendment to 15% funding cap.

Community Development Director Brandy Forbes addressed Council comments and concerns, providing a status on the application process, CDBG program rules and current and previous levels of funding.

A video recording of the May 4, 2016 Annual Action Plan Public Hearing can be viewed online, and starts at 36:00 and concludes at approximately 57:00. The online video can be streamed at the following site:
<http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/86381649>